

# THE SAN JUAN TIMES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1895.

## LATEST LOCAL NEWS.

Subscriptions due for the past year must be paid at once.

Johnson & Reitz have bought Mrs. Blacett's hay.

George Hilton of the Laplata was in town Wednesday.

Wm. Locke killed some very fine hogs Monday at his ranch.

C. Mercer went up to the Laplata and bought 10 tons of hay from Harry Allen.

Coal delivered in Farmington at \$3.50 a ton by Noel Bros., Fruitland, N. M.

Sig Cordell of Laplata was down here with a four horse team to load with fruit.

Charley McCoy and John Brown, of Mora Vista loaded apples at the Locke ranch.

Plenty of hogs can be fattened in this district. Alfalfa in abundance and plenty of room.

Mr. Blacklock and Mr. Elmer, both of Junction, left for Durango Tuesday loaded with apples.

Rev. Hugh Griffin will be home in a day or two. He says he thinks he is completely cured.

We hear Johnson & Reitz are going to bring 200 head more of fine feeding steers into this district.

Frank Williams of the Laplata was in town Monday with a four horse team to load for Durango.

Frank Allen and Jim Hartley of the Laplata traded horses this week. Both got the best of the bargain.

Boone Vaughn has about 50 head of cattle at the Brown ranch that he is wintering through there.

The ladies of Flora Vista will give a grand supper for the new church on Friday the 20th of this month.

Our friend Mr. Pyeatt has manufactured some first class sorghum from a mill made by Mr. Pyeatt himself.

Sheriff Dunning is in town at Triplet's and is there to interview the one or two citizens who happen to owe taxes.

There is a demand for apples at a better price. Thousands more boxes are required yet and a lot of freighting must be done.

The Laplata people are contemplating drilling deep wells. Artesian water can readily be obtained in this flourishing district.

The Laplata people have immense quantities of hay of first quality. This hay is much sought after on account of its nutritious elements.

Fruitland, precinct 4, has, so Sheriff Dunning informs us, come up to time with their taxes. Fruitland is always on hand and always prosperous.

Charley Pinkney is in town this week. By the way, that turkey will be positively killed on the 24th of this month. Everyone will be invited.

J. A. Laughren the storekeeper has a grand lot of toys of all descriptions for Christmas. Now is the time for our boys' and girls' presents for the festive season.

Rev. W. H. Howard visited Aztec Monday. The reverend gentleman filed quite a number of marriage certificates relating to these happy events of recent weeks.

Geo. S. Hood has an excellent 160 acre ranch for sale. 4 acres in orchard 18 in alfalfa, house, corrals, stables about six miles east of Farmington. Sale on easy terms.

School started at Olio on the 1st. J. K. P. Pipkin is the teacher. This is the first school held at Olio and will be a desirable addition to that flourishing community.

Notice. Sportsmen attention. One hundred turkeys to be shot for during Xmas, commencing Dec. 23; going 25-28 and 31. Come boys, bring your guns. R. L. WILLETT.

Poor Jake at Flora Vista was the author of a retort that will bear a deal of beating and contains quite a homily—"Jake, you're a fool," said a well known citizen. "Yes," said Jake, "I'm a fool and I know it, but you are a d—d fool and you don't know it."

A really jolly surprise party was inflicted on Edna Harwood last Friday night and served her right too, for the affair showed the existence of friends

too numerous to mention. Needless to say a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr Smack has about completed a very neat brick house opposite the Wright ranch above Flora Vista.

All the lumber necessary to complete the Flora Vista church is on the ground, 1200 feet of first class flooring not a knot in it. This fine edifice will now be completed.

The ladies are working to put a new platform and altar rail and pulpit in the M. E. church, Farmington. This worthy object should receive the hearty co-operation of all.

Dr. M. H. Neeley has written that he will be here on the fourth Sunday in this month to call the second quarterly meeting of the current year of the Farmington and Flora Vista charge.

A load of coal brought from the Dillon coal bank at the Narrows, now worked by M. P. Swan. This coal is of most excellent quality. In fact we are surrounded by vast coal banks and from all sides we are supplied with the finest kind of coal.

Mrs. Quinn took five loads of apples to Durango. Some of the apples were frozen and a well known commission man refused to take them as he had agreed. Mrs. Quinn sorted out the apples and sold them for \$15 more than the commission man's price.

Frank Coolidge who is in Cripple Creek with George English will start a commission house and considers that he can do the fruit business here a lot of good by his efforts. George English will return soon and Mrs. Coolidge and family will leave for Cripple Creek in a few days.

Sam Rugh will have 275 bushels of corn, 40 tons of hay, besides having disposed of a large quantity of apricots and other fruit during the season—all off 25 acres of land. This is not including vegetables, potatoes, etc., etc.—a complete and most successful farm and plenty of land to spare for all purposes.

A gentleman who travels round this San Juan county a great deal and is of a most observant nature, as well as most interested in the welfare of the county, tells us that he observes a state of prosperity everywhere, that the people are in a far better state for the winter than ever before, and that if we go on with our work manfully and work together, our grand district has nothing before it but certain progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore, with their little girl left their home in Wyoming 3 months ago, traveling through the country they reached Cortez, Colo., where they stayed a month. Cortez proved too inclement for them and they came on to Farmington. Here, to use their own terms, they found bright warm weather, the ground was free from snow, and to these travelers this district presented, so they phrase it, an Italian climate. They will stay here for some time and we hope will make it their home in a permanent sense.

We drove up to A. W. Shidler's ranch Wednesday and after dinner strolled over his land, inspected his stock and improvements and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the good work that Mr. Shidler had put in during the short time he had possessed this property. Mr. Shidler has now 50 acres of alfalfa, where there were but 8 acres when he took to the farm and he says he only set 7½ pounds of alfalfa seed to the acre instead of the usual 25 or 30 pounds. He had planted 50 peach trees and 400 apple trees and all doing well. Most of his land is under water and the old orchard is clean and well cultivated and the trees carefully pruned. A fine barn with granery was completed a few months ago. The foundation for a substantial house has been dug and by next spring this will be one of the finest ranches in the district.

Mr. Wm. Ross denies emphatically that he mentioned anything about the health of the man improving when away from his wife, in his speech last Saturday week. But what Mr. Ross did say was: "That the tobacco habit was most injurious not only to the man but affected his family. In fact this was well known to our citizens here, and it could be noticed by observation that several women in this community were affected by the tobacco habit in their husbands, and moreover it could be observed that the absence of their husbands caused a change for the better in their wives." The remark made in The Times last issue, "and how much better the man looks, sometimes," "when he goes

away from his wife for a month or two," did not emanate from Mr. Ross, who desires this to be distinctly understood.

The roads to Durango are now again in first class condition and are lined with teams loaded with apples.

F. M. Pierce will take orders for the knives, razors, etc. of the Novelty Cutlery company, Canton, Ohio. The steel is the best and the handles are made of a durable and curious composition in which can be placed names, photos, pictures or whatever the purchaser may wish, a grand opportunity for Xmas presents.

Dr. H. S. Williams of Durango—specialist in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat, nervous and mental diseases has now permanently located in Durango with his family. Dr. Williams has acquired an excellent reputation in these distinctive branches of his profession and will receive a large share of practice.

Lost, a gold cuff button with a letter S on it. Please leave at Times office.

Henry Meistermann of this place desires to inform the public that next year he will graft vines on the old vineyards for all persons desiring such work, and will also set out new vineyards. He will guarantee the growth of the vines so grafted or set out, or replace them without charge if they fail to grow.

The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year of Lincoln post no. 13, G. A. R., will be held at Aztec on Saturday, Dec. 7, 1895. The usual haversack lunch will be served. A full attendance is requested. By order C. H. McHenry, commanding post, Walter Weston, adjt. Farmington, Nov. 18, 1895.

We heartily commend the cheerful tone assumed by one of our progressive citizens on all occasions when speaking of his country. It is not alone that our friend has done well by hard work and taking advantage of the unusual facilities afforded by this unequalled soil and climate, but he helps the good cause by saying what he can truthfully say of the county that has been the scene of his success: "I came to this country," said he, the other night, whilst we were sitting around the camp fire, our teams feeding near us and the wagons with their loads of magnificent apples, such apples as this district can produce in such profusion, carefully covered from the frost. "I came here some short time ago, bought a small ranch, subject to a large mortgage. I had a large family, babies, no help from them, and now I've got no mortgage, have lived well, brought up my family, owe \$100 and have \$200 due me. This country has been the right place for me." That is one instance out of many and if hard times have been the rule all over the states and if we have felt them here, there has been no case of actual hardship in this county and at this time, after the most prolific crop ever known to us, we have nothing to look forward to now but prosperity.

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